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Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
Zug, Switzerland

Dear Boris:

Thank you very much for your long and interesting letter of 10 May 1956.

With respect to the question you raise about reprints of my article "Codes and Ciphers", I have a letter from the Encyclopaedia Britannica which contains the following paragraph:

"With your permission, any interested party can order reprints of your article, provided it is understood that these pamphlets are not offered for sale but are only used for private distribution."

Just what is meant by the last clause ("but are only used for private distribution") I am not sure. Possibly they mean that the pamphlets are neither to be used for sale nor for business purposes. If you do intend to use them for business purposes, in connection with, let us say, advertising your products for example, I would have to write the Britannica and ask for guidance.

What I suggest you do is to send me a letter indicating how many reprints you would like to have and telling me how you would propose using them. I will then forward your letter to the Encyclopaedia Britannica with a suitable comment. I may add for your information that when I put my order in for reprints the quotation was as follows:

"100 copies \$39.22 - transportation additional
300 copies \$45.04 - transportation additional
500 copies \$50.88 - transportation additional."

Last Saturday I had a telegram of congratulations on the news that the President had signed my Private Bill. The telegram was signed "Edith, Inky, Bo, and Art". I immediately called on the telephone to thank them for the message, which they sent because they were afraid we were being deluged by telephone calls. Well, of course I found ^{Edith} ~~she~~ was and both Elizebeth and I talked with her. Edith and Bo were going out to get prices on furniture and weigh the cost of new furniture against the cost of shipping their own from Zug to Washington. I think they had practically decided on a new house in one of the suburbs of Washington where there will be plenty of room for the children to play and run around.

I am glad to have further details about the progress of your work and hope that you had a pleasant visit in Paris when you demonstrated the two prototypes of your 10-rotor machine. I will also be very glad to see the sample which you will send to Bo of the new pocket machine.

I hope you will forgive me for making this letter rather short because there have been a great many letters on this recent action of Congress and the President in connection with the award.

I must, however, not close without wishing you and Annie a very happy sojourn at Badenweiler.

Affectionately,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN